

Subject: MIKHAILOV, Aleksander Vasilovich  
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Source: R. [unclear] / 57

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1. Source met subject at the Foreign Students Center of Columbia University on 20 Oct. 1965 at 9:00 A.M. From there they went to the West End Bar and talked until 11:30 P.M.

2. Subject had read excerpts from "Moscow Summer 1964" by Mychailov and stated that it was wrong to write such an essay after being the guest of the USSR. Source disagreed, pointing out the fact that Mychailov was not really a guest, but was there on an exchange program. When asked if what Mychailov wrote was true, Subject replied hesitantly that it was, up to a point. Mychailov had fallen in with a group of students that can be considered rebels, "mostly art students" and they showed him only one side of the picture. Subject argued that Mychailov should have <sup>written</sup> ~~wrote~~ about the achievements of the USSR, and not only the negative aspects of Soviet life. Source asked if Subject had read the whole essay, when Subject said no, then Source told him in a friendly manner not to shoot the breeze about something he knows very little about, and offered him a copy of the essay to read. Subject seemed embarrassed by this statement, but refused to take the essay. Source did not try to force essay upon Subject, but mentioned that it seemed to him that Mychailov only described reality in the USSR and that his essay was no more anti-soviet than "Not by Bread Alone" by Bydentsov or "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" by Solzhenitsyn. Source did not reply. When asked if he was familiar with the concentration camp songs mentioned in the essay, Subject said he was and proceeded to tell source one stanza of such a song: ~~(attached as cooperation sheet)~~. Its content had no political significance.

3. Subject was not aware of the arrest of TERZ nor the book "Hard 7" by TABOIS. When asked if he had read "Dr. Zhivago" by Pasternak, Source also replied that he had not. Source jokingly called Subject a "Soviet Man" and admonished him for his

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did not have to believe what he read, or agree with the authors conclusions, but he most definitely should read everything. Subject did not comment.

4. Subject considers KOSYGIN to be a very good economist and believes that he is trying to make the USSR in this field. FORTENOV is a party worker who came up through the ranks and knows how to run the party. Source mentioned that he considers DOLGOV to be an "apparatchik" Subject did not comment. SEMENOV presently plays a big role having had experience as head of the Komsomol, and head of the USSR.